

WINSLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1957

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July 1958

To the Chairman & Councillors of the
 Winslow Rural District Council.



Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the annual report on the health and vital statistics of the Winslow Rural District for the year 1957 together with the report of the Chief Public Health Officer.

During the year there were fifty-six cases of infectious disease notified and five of these were due to respiratory tuberculosis. There were no infections of the central nervous system notified nor enteric infections, or food poisoning. Owing to the judicious co-operation of the hospital authorities it was not found necessary to remove any person to hospital by legal process.

The general standard of health is good and compares well with the rest of the country.

Housing shortage is still a problem, though it has been somewhat alleviated by the wisdom of the Council in rescuing and adapting suitable properties for a further period of useful life by the aid of Improvement Grants.

I wish to thank the Chairman, Councillors and Public Health Staff for their co-operation throughout the year.

I am,

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Medical Officer of Health.

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FOR 1956

Medical Officer of Health

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 M.R.C.S.

Public Health Inspector & Surveyor Mr. N.J. Shipp, M.A.P.H.I.
 Additional Public Health Inspector Mr. D.A. Keen, C.R.S.I.
 Public Health Clerk Mrs. F.V. Anderson.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1957

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Live Births:	Legitimate -	Males	57	64.
		Females	52	69
		Total	109	133
	Illegitimate-	Males	4	4
		Females	2	1
		Total	6	5
Still Births:	Legitimate -	Males	2	2
		Females	2	3
		Total	4	5
	Illegitimate-	Males	-	-
		Females	1	-
		Total	1	-
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population			14.99	17.87
Birth Rate (corrected)			16.94	20.19
Total (live and still) Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population			15.65	18.53
Birth Rate for England & Wales			15.70	16.1
Deaths:	Males		54	55
	Females		66	48
	Total		120	103
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population			15.65	13.34
Standardised Death Rate			9.86	8.67
Death Rate for England & Wales			11.70	11.5
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:				
	Legitimate -	Male	-	2
		Female	1	1
		Total	1	3
	Illegitimate-	Male	-	-
		Female	-	-
		Total	-	-
All infants per 1,000 live births			8.69	21.74
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births			9.17	22.56
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births			-	--
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:				
	Legitimate -	Male	-	2
		Female	1	1
		Total	1	3
	Illegitimate-	Male	-	-
		Female	-	-
		Total	-	-
Area (in acres)				36,420
Population				7,720
Number of inhabited houses at 31st December 1957 (according to Rate Book)				2,550
Rateable Value (31st December 1957)				£60,704
Sum represented by Penny Rate (31st March 1957)				£244-10-2

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS

Malignant neoplasms, lung, bronchus	3.
Malignant neoplasms, uterus	2.
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	18.
Vascular lesions of nervous system	12.
Coronary disease angina	11.
Hypertension with heart disease	2
Other heart disease	22.
Nephritis & Nephrosis	1.
Pneumonia	3.
Bronchitis	10.
Hyperplasia of prostate	2.
Other diseases of respiratory system	1.
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2.
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8.
Accidents (motor vehicle)	3.
Congenital malformations	1.

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PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

During the year 56 cases were reported.

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1
Measles	190.	41
Pneumonia	5.	2
Whooping Cough	1.	4
Scarlet Fever	4.	3
Sonne Dysentery	6.	-
Meningitis	2.	-

Five cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified.

Food Poisoning No cases notified during the year.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Hospitals

Hospital accommodation for the district is provided by the Royal Bucks and Tindal General Hospitals Aylesbury. Infectious disease cases are admitted to the Aylesbury Isolation Hospital or one of the Isolation Hospitals in the Oxford Group.

These three Hospitals are administered by the Aylesbury and District Hospital Management Committee.

Cases are admitted to Stoke Mandeville or the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, if bed space is unavailable.

Similarly, infectious disease cases are admitted to the Infectious Disease Hospitals within the Oxford Region when there is no accommodation locally.

Pathological Specimens

The majority of specimens for examination are submitted to the Pathology Laboratory, Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The services of the Public Health Laboratories at Luton and Oxford are utilised whenever necessary.

Ambulance Services

The ambulance services in the area are the responsibility of the Bucks County Council. Five ambulances are stationed in the Borough of Aylesbury for the use of the town and surrounding districts. Included in this number is a sitting case ambulance.

Maternity and Child Welfare

This service is controlled by the Bucks County Council.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held at Great Horwood, Stewkley and Winslow, and a Mobile Centre visits Mursley, Newton Longville, Shenley and Swanbourne.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation

The Bucks County Council being the Local Health Authority as defined by the National Health Service Act 1946 administer this service.

Treatment of Venereal Disease

A Venereal Disease Clinic is held regularly at the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury, where free treatment is given. This clinic is administered by the Aylesbury and District Hospital Management Committee.

National Assistance Act, 1948 Section 47 Removal of persons in need of Care and Attention

During the year it was not found necessary to remove anyone to hospital under the above Act.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

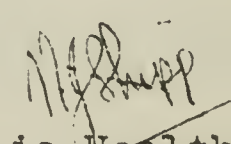
I have the honour to present my report for the year 1957. Each of the more important functions of the department are dealt with under their respective headings. The year was one in which for the first time for several years no major works of sewerage or Council house construction were in progress. Despite this the sanitary conditions throughout the district continue to improve by reason of improvement grants and the many minor jobs which owners continue to have done.

Once more I would like to express my appreciation for the continued co-operation and help given by the various Committees and the Council in dealing with matters concerning this Department.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,


Surveyor & Public Health Inspector.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

During the year all the Council's disposal works and housing estate plants have continued to function satisfactorily. Several samples were taken by the River Drainage Boards and these were satisfactory. A shortage of drying bed space at Newton Longville works was felt during the year and this prevented the de-sludging of the settlement tanks as often as is desired. Further beds are now being constructed to ease matters and I hope that this will prevent a deterioration in the standard of the final effluent.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection & Disposal

During the year I made a close study of the service travelling over all the collection routes with the driver-in-charge. As the result of this one change of policy was decided upon affecting collections from outlying properties. In order to save time it was agreed that a collection would be made only from those properties on the vehicles normal collection routes. The second measure adopted with a view to making a drastic cut in overtime takes the form of the new collection schedules which I have put into operation during the present year.

Streets Cleansing

The only highways cleansed by the Council are in Winslow and are as follows:-

- (a) High Street.
- (b) Station Road.
- (c) Buckingham Road.
- (d) Sheep Street.
- (e) Horn Street.
- (f) Market Square.

Cleansing is carried out every week.

Salvage

The value of salvage during the year amounted to £77-14-6.

Rates

Paper

Metals

Housing

Metals

£47-14-8

£19-15-6

£10-4-4.

RODENT CONTROL

General Inspections and Treatments

The inspections and treatment figures are much reduced as compared with last year due to the absence of the rodent operative for at least four months of the year.

During the year the following inspections and treatments were carried out:-

	<u>Inspected</u>	<u>Treated</u>
Dwellinghouses	282.	89.
Agricultural Properties.....	74.	6.
Business Premises	23.	4.

All the Council's properties were inspected at frequent intervals and treated as necessary. The Rodent Operative does of course work in the district on alternate weeks but with urgent cases action is taken straight away whether if be required in either this district or Wing district.

With agricultural properties an up-to-date list is maintained of A.E.C. contracts in order to avoid duplication of work.

Sewer Treatments

During the year the sewers in the district were treated as follows:-

- (a) 10% Testing carried out in May.
- (b) First Maintenance Treatment carried out in May.

The Ministry Inspector permitted us to leave out the normal second maintenance treatment which would have been carried out in December due to the absence of any serious infestations.

HOUSING

Council Houses

The number of houses owned by the Council at the end of the year was as follows:-

<u>Pre-War</u>	<u>Post-War</u>	<u>Total</u>
234	333	567

The maintenance of these houses continues to be one of the major functions of my department taking up the biggest proportion of time. The defects and other jobs reported and dealt with during the year number well over a thousand and those vary in size from a job taking a matter of minutes to one taking several days. At the present time defects etc. are being reported at an average rate of about four per day.

Unfit Houses

- (a) Number of houses demolished during the year NIL.
- (b) Number of houses closed during the year NIL.
- (c) Number of houses being rendered fit at the end of the year 3.

Improvement Grants

During the year the Council agreed to make grants totalling £892 - 0 - 0.

- (a) Number of applications received 5.
- (b) Number of applications approved 5.
- (c) Number of applications refused -

Every property dealt with was inspected by a Sub-Committee of Council Members together with myself and each case was thoroughly investigated. In one of the above cases the grant could not be paid as it was found that the applicant was not the owner.

The details relating to applications dealt with to 31/12/57.

- (a) Total number of applications received 30.
- (b) Total number of applications approved 26.
- (c) Total number of applications refused 3.
- (d) Total number of applications withdrawn 1.
- (e) Total grants approved to 31st December 1957 £4370 - 1 - 0

FOOD

Meat Inspection

There are four licenced slaughterhouses in the district only three of which carry out regular slaughtering.

During the year 351 visits were made and the number of animals inspected and amount of meat condemned is shown in the table set out below:-

	Cattle excluding cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	280	2	60	776	252	-
Number inspected	280	2	60	776	252	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci</u> Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	2	3	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ were condemned	28	-	1	4	7	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	10%	-	1.8%	0.9%	2.8%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u> Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	10	-	-	-	6	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	3.9%	-	-	-	2.4	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u> Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	NIL	NIL	-	-	NIL	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	NIL	NIL	-	-	NIL	-
Generalised and totally condemned	NIL	NIL	-	-	NIL	-

Milk

The sampling of milk in the district is undertaken by the Food and Drugs Authority and samples taken during the year indicated the presence of brucella abortus on numerous farms and smallholdings. In all these cases the milk was diverted for pasteurisation.

The following milk licences were issued during the year:-

Dealer's Licence - Tuberculin Tested	8.
Dealer's Licence - Pasteurised ..	8.
Supplementary Licence - Tuberculin Tested	4.
Supplementary Licence - Pasteurised	5.

There are twelve Distributors of milk registered in the area and seven Dairies.

Section 16, Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

The numbers of food premises registered under the above Act is as follows:-

- (a) the sale or storage of ice cream intended for sale 18.
- (b) the preparation or manufacture of sausages etc. 7.

No ice cream is manufactured in the district, Number of inspections during the year - 37.

Disposal of Condemned Food

Condemned meat is disposed of to local kennels and any other types of food are either buried or burnt on the refuse tip.

Food Hygiene Regulations

There are 82 food premises (including Public Houses) in the district and where the regulations are not being complied with in all respects owners are proceeding to have the necessary work done.

Fortunately the majority of shops are small family concerns and the hygiene arrangements are adequately catered for.

WATER SUPPLIES

Water supply throughout the district is provided by the Bucks Water Board.

I am indebted to the Bucks Water Board for the following information.

1. Supply throughout the area has been at all times satisfactory both as regards quality and quantity.
2. Raw water is sampled at approximately monthly intervals. All reports have been satisfactory.
3. Samples of the water from the distributing mains serving this district are taken monthly. All have been satisfactory.
4. Chemical samples are taken quarterly at the source. All satisfactory.
5. There is no tendency to plumbo-solvency.

Water Samples

During the year one water sample was taken. The result of the bacteriological examination showed this to be satisfactory.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

The following inspections were carried out during the year:-

	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	<u>No. of</u> Occupies. Pros.
Factories in which Sections 1.2.3.4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7.	7.	NIL.	NIL.
Factories not included in the above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	14	8.	NIL.	NIL.
	21.	15.	NIL.	NIL

